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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment and supplemental amendment filed 6/8/06 and 8/4/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4-6, and 19-21 renumbered as claims 1-18.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Geza C. Ziegler, Jr. on 8/14/06.

3. Claims 1, 4-6, and 19-21 have been amended as follows:

1. (currently amended) A portable electronic device having a first part carrying a first ~~user~~ display interface and a second part carrying a second user input interface, the first and second parts being relatively moveable from a closed configuration to an open configuration, said first and second parts being connected by first and second pairs of connecting elements, the first pair of connecting elements being connected to a first side of the first and second parts and the second pair of connecting element being connected to a second side of the first and second parts, each end of each connecting element being connected to be simultaneously rotatable about respective rotational axes, wherein the respective rotational axes of the first pair are in common with the corresponding rotational axes of the second pair.

4. (currently amended) A portable electronic device according to claim 1 wherein the first part is a front part ~~and the first user interface comprises a display.~~

5. (currently amended) A portable electronic device according to claim 1 wherein the second part is a back part and the second user input interface comprises a keypad.

6. (currently amended) A portable electronic device according to claim 1 wherein the first ~~user~~ display interface and the second user input interface are able to move into a preferred optimum configuration in which they are both visible to, and available for use by, a user at the same time.

19.(currently amended) A portable electronic device having a first part carrying a first ~~user~~ display interface and a second part carrying a second user input interface, the first and second parts being relatively moveable from a closed configuration to an open configuration, the first and second parts being connected by pairs of connecting elements, the first pair of connecting elements being connected to a first side of the first and second parts and the second pair of connecting elements being connected to a second side of the first and second parts, each end of each connecting element being connected to be simultaneously rotatable about respective rotational axes, wherein the respective rotational axes of the first pair are in common with the corresponding

rotational axes of the second pair, the pairs of connecting elements being attached to the first part and the second part in such a way that the first part is constrained by its relative movement to the connecting elements such that it has a greater rotational movement during a later stage of the movement of the first part relative to the second part from the closed configuration to the open configuration.

20.(currently amended) A portable electronic device having a first part carrying a first ~~user~~ display interface and a second part carrying a second user input interface, the first and second parts being relatively moveable from a closed configuration to an open configuration, the first and second parts being connected by a pairs of connecting elements, the first pair of connecting elements being connected to a first side of the first and second parts and the second pair of connecting elements being connected to a second side of the first and second parts, each end of each connecting element being connected to be simultaneously rotatable about respective rotational axes, wherein the respective rotational axes of the first pair are in common with the corresponding rotational axes of the second pair, respective ones of the pairs of connecting elements being in the form of a first straight portion connected to a second straight portion at an elbow region, the elbow regions serving to engage a surface on which the device sits and thus assists in supporting the device in an upright orientation.

21.(currently amended) A portable electronic device comprising first and second housings carrying respective display and user input interfaces, the first and second

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housings being configured to be relatively moveable between opened and closed configurations, the first and second parts being connected by respective first and second pairs of means for connecting, the first pair of means for connecting being connected to a first side of the first and second housings, and the second pair of means for connecting being connected to a second side of the first and second housings, each of the means for connecting being connected to respective first and second housings to be simultaneously rotatable about respective rotational axis, wherein the respective rotational axis of the first pair of means for connecting are in common with the corresponding rotational axis of the second pair of means for connecting.